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An article is going the rounds that the last wild pigeon in the world died in the Zoological Gardens in Cincinnati. It was a hen pigeon hatched in captivity twenty nine years ago. We very much doubt the accuracy of the statement that this is the last pigeon. It is probably the only one that could be certainly located, but we have every reason to believe that wild pigeons are to be found in the summer time in the spruce forests of this part of West Virginia. In the old days these passenger pigeons appeared in great numbers about this time of year and many of the older citizens remember that they had to watch certain of the crops to keep them from being entirely destroyed by these birds. In those days they were about as welcome as the army worm is today. They would have certain places to roost and these places were marked by the branches broken in the trees and the enrichment of the soil. One pigeon roost was in the Brush three or four miles from Marlinton.

Audubon preferred to call these places pigeon-haunts, but locally they were called pigeon roosts. The father of all modern ornithologists was Alexander Wilson, born in Scotland in 1766, and emigrated to America in 1794. For a time he employed himself at his trade as a weaver, and afterwards taught school at Kingsessing, now a part of Philadelphia. In 1804 he turned his attention to the work of making a collection of American birds and made long walking trips in the wilderness. He died in 1813, having completed nine volumes of bird lore containing drawings of great exactness of the birds. It was this Alexander Wilson who estimated one flock of pigeons observed by him to contain 2230 million birds. This estimate, Charles Waterton, the English naturalist considered to be a gross exaggeration, and did not hesitate to say so, but it was accepted by American naturalists, such as Bonaparte and Audubon, who had the opportunity to observe for themselves, the flocks of pigeons which darkened the sky.

In 1687 pigeons so ravaged the crops of the colonists around Montreal, that the Bishop of Montreal was constrained to exorcise them with holy water, after the manner of his dealing with demons. "I exorcise thee, unclean spirit; in the name of Jesus Christ; tremble, O Satan, thou enemy of the faith, thou foe of mankind, who hast brought death into the world, who has deprived men of life, and hast rebelled against justice, thou seducer of mankind, thou root of evil, thou source of avarice, discord and envy." The good bishop seems to have done a pretty thorough work in the way of exorcising for the pest that was once as numerous as the leaves upon trees has all but disappeared from the knowledge of the world.

The instrument which worked the wrath of Heaven upon this offending bird, however, was the shot-gun. Countless gunners would lie in wait for the annual flight and kill these birds by the wagon load. After a time the birds ceased to appear and the gunners were driven to the use of the ordinary clay pigeon of commerce. A good many theories have been advanced as to the wiping out of the wild pigeon but the shot gun idea is the most plausible. We hear of a great storm that drove the birds so far to sea that they fell exhausted and drowned; and the theory that a sudden and violent epidemic exterminated them. Then there are travelers' tales that these birds have taken refuge in the forests of Central America, where they can be seen in quantities.

As a matter of fact, however, we think it apparent that the bird had to go. The country could not support a farming population and annual visitation of these birds to take excessive toll of the crops. Just as the western plains could not support the great herds of buffaloes and the white men. Under the rule of the survival of the fittest, both the buffalo and the pigeon have gone, and in spite of the idealists, we think that each is a good riddance.

The pigeon was noted for its rapid and sustained flight. One is believed to have crossed the Atlantic ocean in flight, as there was a solitary specimen taken in England whose presence could not be otherwise explained. It was observed often that birds killed in the state of New York, carried undigested grains of rice in their craws, which must have been swallowed not many hours before in South Carolina or Georgia.

The wild pigeon is very much the same size and of the same general appearance of the turtle-dove, but the male is plainly marked with a reddish color underneath—a purplish bay, and it has a long wedge-shaped tail. The neck is marked by gleaming violet, green

and gold, and on the whole it is a more gaudy bird than the dove. The female pigeon is drab colored above and dull white beneath, with only a slight trace of the brilliant neck markings.

In the old days when this pest had to be reckoned with each year by every farmer in this valley, it was a well known and thoroughly well hated individual of the bird family. Many a farmer lost his entire crop of buckwheat before he knew that the pigeons were upon him. In those days a boy might render to society his standing off these raiders of the grain field. In those days those who went back into the spruce woods for trout in the summertime observed occasional specimens of the wild pigeons in pairs which seemed to be nesting there and which seemed to have nothing to do with the regular migrations which passed over the country in a few days and were gone. When these migrations ceased these birds were observed year after year in the mountains and seems not to have been affected by the general disappearance of the great flocks.

We have not the slightest doubt that if it was worth the while of any ornithologist, that he could in the summer-time find some of these birds in the country around the headwaters of the Gauley system of rivers. The flora and fauna of these woods are something different from any other part of the Virginia, and that region affords a rich field for the naturalist.

Noah was 600 years of age when the flood came. Based on Bible chronology the world was at that time 1656 years old. 427 years then elapsed to the date of the covenant with Abraham. Then 430 years until the children of Israel departed from the land of Egypt. In the wilderness and up to the division of Canaan was 46 years. Then the period of the judges 450 years, followed by the period of kings 513 years, and then the desolation of Israel 70 years bringing the date to 536 B. C. The beginning of the desolation of Israel was therefore 606 B. C. computed by secular history fixing the first year of Cyrus in 536 B. C. This period serves as a check between biblical and secular history. Leviticus 27: 28: "Then I will walk contrary unto you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins." 32nd verse: "I will bring the land into desolation." 44th verse: "And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth from the land of Egypt." Pastor Russell computed a time to mean 360 years and seven times to mean 2520 years which computed from the first year of desolation give the year 1914, the present year. He predicted that the times of the Gentiles must close October, 1914, though the time of trouble may extend to 1920. He predicted the war of 1914 as being the greatest war the world ever saw, and the war prophesied by Jeremiah 25: 31 et seq: "A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth, even unto the other end of the earth."

The foregoing prophecy and work of Pastor Russell was fully printed and discussed in the Pocahontas Times during the years 1891 and 1892, and the present year of 1914, as the year of the great war was at that time patiently and persistently forced upon attention of the people of this country, through the students of the Rev. Mr. Russell's book, but the matter not being susceptible of immediate proof, it was not at all well received, and the paper in the fall of 1892 coming into the hands of the present management the subject was tabooed and only the remarkable accuracy of the prophecy causes us to refer to it now, and that with something like fear and trembling.

We still see through a glass darkly, but it is some comfort to know that Pastor Russell finds that after the present trouble that the world will be blessed with such peace as it has never known. And this is the secular belief and hope.

We are pretty neutral in this country considering. We have heard no censure of any Frenchman, Russian, Servian, Briton or Belgian, and only one German. What vials of wrath have been poured out have been aimed at the uneasy head that traded a crown for a helmet. And we have been warned by the wise man who is the head of this nation to preserve a strict neutrality on the pain and penalty of being drawn into horrible conflict. We think that is

enough to make the country pause and with a few mutterings against the Kaiser possibly, the warning has been well heeded. In this country there were a few old men, neighbors, who had passed a life time of bitter enmity. One of them was on his death bed and sent for his old enemy and they became reconciled. As the visitor left, the sick man said that they would probably never meet again, and that he was glad that it was all settled so well between them, and added: "But remember, if I do get well, everything between us is going to be just like it always has been."

Dr. O. O. Cooper, of Hinton, is widely known as a very great surgeon, and as a man of highest mentality. He has recently returned from Europe where he went with a party of surgeons to see surgery. He was there when the war broke out and he contributes a valuable and interesting article to the local press. He expresses the sentiments of the average American in his closing lines, which are worthy of applause:

"As far as I am concerned I am glad to have a good wide ocean and two or three ranges of mountains between me and the conflict. If Germany or Japan or any other nation steps on our toes a little I prefer not to be looking. If they want the Philippines or anything we own on the other side of the globe let them have them. I am now back home, far from the distressing butchery, and I am for peace."

From the meager reports of the newspapers as to what the Supreme Court decided about the Progressive and the Republican parties, we gather that the court held that the Progressive party had fused with the Republican party until the former had lost its identity. When parties get married they become one in law, and take the same name, but there are a few ripples below the surface sometimes, and even separations.

Following the Wisconsin primaries, the Illinois primaries resulted in the nomination of all the old time, faithful, conservative Republicans. Not one of the Roosevelt Republicans was nominated. The secret hid beneath the returns is that all those party men who went out in 1912, and came back will have to serve many years before they will be forgiven and rewarded.

The Wheeling Intelligencer, in a facetious mood, advised timber workers to hold on as there will be a great demand for wooden legs after the war. In more serious tone, we heard a manufacturer of lumber say that there would be a great demand for artificial limbs as a result of the war.

Col. Roosevelt says that our country is in a state of profound peace, and that it is going to remain so. That is the best public opinion we have heard from him for a long time. As a prophet he ought to be a success, as he is about the only menace that we have at this time in a military way.

Yes! why should they know their fate, Since sorrow never comes too late, And happiness too swiftly flies? Thought would destroy their paradise. No more. Where ignorance is bliss, 'Tis folly to be wise. —Gray.

It has been a custom in this country for many years with jurors who are puzzled over the merits of a scrap, to soak the man who struck the first blow. That may explain the criticism that Germany suffers under in this country.

An English paper replying to the critics that the allies acted too much on the defensive, says that it is impossible for an Englishman to be as offensive as a German.

The great nations of Europe say to each other: "If you don't quit that gouging, biting and hitting below the belt, I'll tell Wilson."

If the silvered helmets of Germany were jappaned they would not shine so much in a place in the sun.

A movement is on foot to change an English street called the Prussia Road to the name of the Russia Road.

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ESTIMATE.

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Balance in treasury	13 75
Hotel license	5 50
Fines	40 00
Street tax	50 00
Dog tax	4 00
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ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS	
Election expenses	
Three commissioners at \$1 50	4 50
Salaries of town officers	
Mayor	3 00
Recorder	5 00
4 councilmen at \$3 00 each	12 00
Sergeant and extra police	120 00
Feeding prisoners	2 50
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Delinquent personal property	30 00
Printing estimates	20 00
For making up personal property list	8 00
	\$284 50
Amount to be raised by levy	\$171 25
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Daily Thought.

Read the best books first of all, else you won't have time at all to read them.—Thoreau.

"Owe No Man."

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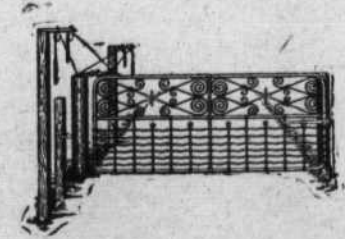
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